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WHITINSVILLE, MASS.:

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1907.

LIST OF JURORS.

TO BE ACTED UPON MARCH 18, 1907.

Summers, A. B.

Herbert Jones

Charles Bennett,
Loren A. Buffum,
John B. Chapdelaine,
Jesse B. Sweet,
A. F. Jones,
James F. Kenyon,
Herbert N. Lougee,
Willie Manahan,
Willie McGrath,
Walter H. Parker,

Alvin H. Brown

Massie Chas

Almona Bingham

Urban I. Peters,
John J. Kelley,
William H. Wellman,
Paul D. Manning,
~~Edward E. Young,~~
~~Edward T. Rawson,~~
Frank H. Bird,
Andrew Wilson,
James B. Chase,
~~Hammond Metcalf.~~

W. S. SCHUSTER,	} <i>Selectmen of Douglas.</i>
E. N. JENCKES,	
W. L. CHURCH.	

WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING.

WORCESTER SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Douglas, in the County of Worcester.

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Douglas, qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet in the Town Hall, East Douglas in said Douglas, on Monday the eighteenth day of March current at 7 o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles:

ART. 1. To elect a moderator, a town clerk, a town treasurer, a town agent, six constables, a tax collector, an agent and three appraisers on Devise of Moses Wallis, three fence and three bridge viewers, ten highway surveyors, one for each district, a tree warden, an auditor, all for term of one year, also one selectman, one assessor, one overseer of the poor, three members of the school committee. one trustee of the Public Library, one town cemetery commissioner all for term of three years, also elect one assessor for term of one year to fill vacancy, and one member of the school committee for one year, and to vote Yes or No on the question shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in the town the ensuing year.

➤ ART. 2 To choose all other necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

➤ ART. 3. To hear the reports of the Town Officers and act thereon.

*Same addition
\$50 for purposes
\$1300 for debts
& interest
same contingent* ➤ ART. 4. To raise by tax and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary for support of poor, for schools, for debts and interest, for salary of Superintendent of schools, for maintaining street lights, and other contingent expenses of the town for the ensuing year.

Same ➤ ART. 5. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary for making and repairing highways and townways for the ensuing year and order the same assessed upon polls and estates of residents and non-residents as other town charges are assessed.

—ART. 6. To determine the time when poll and other taxes shall be collected, or act in any manner in relation thereto.

➤ ART. 7. To see what disposition the town will make of the dog fund.

*Same as last
Library
yes* ➤ ART. 8. To see if the town will vote to pay the members of the fire company the sum of eight dollars each for their services the ensuing year.

yes ➤ ART. 9. To see if the town will authorize the assessors to abate such taxes as in their judgement ought to be abated.

yes ➤ ART. 10. To see if the town will accept the list of names proposed by the selectmen to serve as jurors the ensuing year, or amend the same by adding thereto or taking therefrom.

Same as last year ➤ ART. 11. To see of what number the acting superintending school committee shall consist and what their compensation shall be.

selectmen ➤ ART. 12. To see if the town will vote to contract with the Douglas Electric Co. for street lighting the ensuing year, or act in any manner in relation thereto.

Same as last year ➤ ART. 13. To see what sum the town will raise and appropriate for the relief of disabled soldiers and their families.

➤ ART. 14. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars for Samuel Sibley Post, G. A. R. for charitable purposes, under the provisions of Chapter 25, Section 15, of the Revised Laws. *yes*

➤ ART. 15. To see what salary the town will pay its Tax Collector the ensuing year. *Same as last year*

➤ ART. 16. To see what price the town will pay for teams and labor on the highways the ensuing year. *Same as last year*

➤ ART. 17. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the selectmen, to borrow money in anticipation of taxes of the current year and to be paid therefrom. *yes*

➤ ART. 18. To see what sums of money the town will raise and appropriate for constructing and repairing sidewalks, and under whose supervision it shall be expended. *2 00*

➤ ART. 19. To see if the town will vote to pay twenty-five dollars for repair of town clock, so called, to be paid from the contingent fund. *\$ 25-*

➤ ART. 20. To see what sum of money the town will raise and appropriate for the Simon Fairfield Public Library. *\$ 400*

➤ ART. 21. To see if the town will instruct its Collector of Taxes to sell the George Walling estate now in its possession for taxes, at public auction, and authorize him to give a quit claim deed thereof in the name of said inhabitants of Douglas. *yes*

➤ ART. 22. To see if the town will vote to accept the bequest of three thousand dollars made by the late James Smith to the town of Douglas for the erection and maintenance of a soldier's monument in said Douglas. *yes*

➤ ART. 23. To see if the town will vote to authorize the agent of the Moses Wallis Devise to discharge for and in behalf of the town all mortgages held by the town under said Devise when said mortgages are fully paid to said agent, and to ratify and confirm all prior discharges heretofore made by any of the lawful agents of said Devise. *yes*

yes
 ➤ ART. 24. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred dollars for righting stones and other necessary work in the old cemetery at the centre so-called.

yes
 ➤ ART. 25. To see if the town will vote to give the veterans of the war 1861-65 and sons of veterans the right to build a mound and erect a monument on the common at the center of the town in memorial of the soldiers and sailors of said war.

➤ ART. 26. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred dollars towards the payment for said monument mentioned in Article 25.

yes
 ➤ ART. 27. To see if the town will vote to appropriate three thousand dollars on the highways under the supervision of the selectmen, or act or do anything in relation to the same.

\$ 700
 ➤ ART. 28. To see if the town will appropriate a sum of money for the repair and building of bridges.

\$ 300
 ➤ ART. 29. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of suppressing the illegal sale of intoxicating liquors.

The polls may close at two o'clock.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at the Post Office in East Douglas, at the Post Office in Douglas Center ten days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

§ } HEREOF FAIL NOT, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

05 Given under our hands this fourth day of March, in the year one thousand nine hundred and seven.

W. S. SCHUSTER,	}	<i>Selectmen of Douglas.</i>
E. N. JENCKES,		
W. L. CHURCH,		

Report of the Selectmen.

The Board of Selectmen herein submit the annual report of the various town officers for the fiscal year ending March 1, 1907. The Selectmen have drawn 152 orders on the town treasurer amounting to \$18,736.78 for the following purposes :

Highways.....	\$1,610 98
Snow roads	105 55
Final payment, macadam road, Depot street.....	625 65
Macadamizing Gilboa street	3,393 29

SIDEWALKS AND CURBING.

Palmer Converse.....	\$ 8 45
F. J. Kenyon	30 12
A. Newell, moving curbing, Main street..	20 00
W. F. Hayward Co., clearing snow.....	16 50
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	\$75 07

Support of poor	\$765 00
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Fire engine company, paid members	\$320 00
Fuel, A. F. Jones, 1904, 1905	18 75
F. E. Jones	15 00
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	\$353 75

FIRE WARDENS AND ENGINEERS.

H. D. Mowry	\$ 1 05	
C. H. Hilton	2 00	
L. A. Buffum	60	
P. Converse	2 80	
W. L. Church	6 20	
W. R. Wallis	33 80	
W. H. Parker	32 00	
Hughes & Howard	6 00	
	<hr/>	\$84 45

PRINTING.

L. H. Balcome	\$17 25	
Eagle Printing Co.	104 75	
	<hr/>	\$122 00
Town clerk		\$83 82
Registrars		60 00
Election expenses		70 00

CONTAGIOUS DISEASES.

Lena Frost, nursing and board of Mrs. Junior	\$46 00	
Dr. Clark, medical attendance	28 00	
“ “ “ Elliott	2 00	
“ one vaccination	50	
J. Sullivan, eight days quarantine	14 00	
Dr. Balcome, antitoxin, St. Andrews ...	5 00	
F. Bowen, board health, various expenses	30 33	
Quarantine, Virgin	15 00	
“ Bunfield	16 00	
“ St. Andrews	20 00	
	<hr/>	\$176 83
Cattle inspection, W. E. Cook	\$46 00	
Meat “ “	36 08	
	<hr/>	\$82 08
Schools		\$7,396 51

BURIAL INDIGENT SOLDIERS.

Mrs. Knapp.	\$35 00	
Geo. Blackmer.	35 00	
	<hr/>	\$70 00

ASSESSORS OF TAXES.

W. H. Wellman.	\$11 87	
Wm. Manahan.	45 00	
J. B. Sweet.	52 00	
C. H. Batcheller.	114 04	
	<hr/>	\$222 91

S. S. Post, G. A. R., charitable purposes.	\$150 00
Truant officers.	26 50
Military aid.	4 00

Soldiers' and widows' relief.	\$77 60	
Care Geo. Blackmer.	24 50	
Dr. Holbrook, attending Mrs. Knapp.	16 00	
	<hr/>	\$117 50

State aid.	\$880 00
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Library insurance.	\$50 00	
Repair pump.	1 10	
	<hr/>	\$51 10

Grading school house lot, Kenyon.	\$87 03
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SALARIES TOWN OFFICERS.

Selectmen.	\$100 00	
Overseers of poor.	175 00	
Treasurer.	75 00	
S. S. Committee.	50 00	
Auditor.	5 00	
Tax collector, E. P. Heath.	150 00	
	<hr/>	\$555 00

Douglas Electric Co.	\$1,091 46
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MISCELLANEOUS.

Henry Tetu, janitor, town hall and engine hall	\$28 00	
A. F. Jones, repair town clock	25 00	
W. E. Schuster, stationery, letter files, etc.	5 45	
Board of Albert Roberts, Worcester County Truant School.....	35 16	
F. J. Libby, assisting auditing accounts..	15 00	
A. P. Rugg, legal services, P. & W. E. R. R. Co., franchise.....	25 00	
H. D. Mowry, expenses teams, Mrs. Knapp's funeral	4 00	
F. Bowen, setting glass.....	1 30	
W. R. Wallis, lumber, town buildings....	146 47	
Officers for Fourth of July.....	7 50	
C. Labree, dog officer	14 00	
G. Abbott, postal cards for tax collector..	10 50	
Purchase lot in village pine cemetery....	20 00	
F. H. Bird, insurance.....	35 04	
W. E. Cook, inspecting and killing 2 horses	6 00	
C. E. Horne, building wall M. E. Davis..	62 98	
Orson Chase, mowing cemetery.....	10 00	
W. L. Church, team, state aid agent.....	75	
F. Bowen, returning 35 deaths	8 75	
Drs. Clark, Johnson and Ela, reporting births.....	11 50	
Dr. Clark, attending Quinn at lockup....	1 00	
J. Mason, thawing out watering trough...	1 00	
W. B. Fairfield, printing tax notices	1 00	
		\$ 475 40

STATE AID.

Jos. T. Arnold.	\$36 00
Wellington Balcome	72 00
Laura Balcome	24 00
Horace Belding	48 00
Lizzie Cook	48 00

Wellington Dore	\$58 00	
Chas. E. Greene.....	48 00	
Christopher Gazette.....	48 00	
Anna Knapp.....	16 00	
Mrs. W. H. Marshall	48 00	
John P. Otis.....	36 00	
Joseph Quinn.	48 00	
Elmira Staples.....	48 00	
Chandler Titus	48 00	
Mrs. Leander Thompson.....	48 00	
Chas. Whipple	48 00	
Dorris B. Young.....	48 00	
Catherine Barton.....	36 00	
Mrs. McKenney.	32 00	
Mrs. Chas. Whipple ..	12 00	
Wm. E. Chase.....	18 00	
Mrs. Wm. Chase	12 00	
	<hr/>	\$880 00
Military aid		\$4 00

SOLDIERS' AND WIDOWS' RELIEF.

Mrs. Knapp.....	\$32 00	
Mrs. Gould.....	45 00	
Geo. Blackmer.....	24 50	
W. Balcome.....	16 00	
	<hr/>	\$117 50

W. S. SCHUSTER,
E. N. JENCKES,
W. L. CHURCH,

Selectmen of Douglas.

1906.

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Mar. 14	Paid note, E. N. Jenckes, agt.	\$2,000 00	
	Interest	59 21	
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	Paid note, Lura Wallis, expires		
	April 2nd.....	\$800 00	
	Interest	43 33	
		<hr/>	843 33
	Paid note, Edwin Moore est.,		
	March 28.....	\$2,000 00	
	Interest	115 66	
		<hr/>	2,115 66
	Paid note, M. M. Luther est.,		
	March 29.....	\$200 00	
	Interest	11 53	
		<hr/>	211 53
16	Paid H. D. Mowry, overseer of		
	poor, money returned by state		5 20
	Library orders, numbers 14 to 18		
	inclusive.....		32 57

Apr. 3	Selectmen's orders, number 173 to 187	\$1,486 48
	H. D. Mowry, overseer poor, money from Uxbridge	14 00
	G. H. Stoddard, library order, number 19 . .	35 60
12	H. D. Mowry, overseer poor, money returned by state	74 07
10	Library order, number 20, Vera Warner . . .	17 74
23	" " " 21, J. B. Howard . . .	5 00
12	Chas. Labree, court money, April 1	17 60
May 7	Library order, number 22, Vera Warner . . .	17 90
	Selectmen's orders, number 188 to 204 . . .	2,447 05
31	A. B. Chapin, state treasurer, one-fourth liquor license	1,000 00
June 4	Selectmen's orders, number 205 to 214 . . .	1,036 52
	Library order, number 23, Bert Hughes . . .	3 00
	" " " 24, J. B. Howard . .	5 00
21	" " " 25, Bert Hughes . . .	5 00
5	" " " 26, Vera Warner . . .	19 06
July 2	E. P. Heath, constable, court money	13 47
	Selectmen's orders, number 215 to 223 . . .	945 58
23	E. P. Heath, order of abatement	104 09
26	Paid note, E. N. Jenckes, given July 2	501 87
6	Library order, number 27	26 77
	" " " 28	19 48
	" " " 29	5 00
	Wm. Manahan, court money returned	8 94
Aug. 6	Selectmen's orders, 224 to 241	4,814 75
23	H. D. Mowry, overseer poor, money returned by state	28 25
Sept. 4	Selectmen's orders, number 242 to 256 . . .	857 25
Oct. 1	Library order, number 30, Vera Warner . . .	19 39
	" " " 31, Bert Hughes . . .	5 00
	" " " 32, Frank Jones . . .	70 75
	" " " 33, Vera Warner . . .	18 14

Oct.	1	Library order number 34, Bert Hughes....	\$ 5 00
		“ “ “ 35, Vera Warner....	19 01
		Selectmen's orders, number 257 to 265	802 13
		E. P. Heath, sheriff, court money.....	28 86
		Chas. Labree, constable, court money.....	26 08
		J. B. Howard, constable, court money	15 54
		Edward A. Brown, one-half county tax... .	629 50
	5	Library order, number 36, G. H. Stoddard .	5 90
		“ “ “ 37, Bert Hughes....	5 00
		“ “ “ 38, Vera Warner....	19 24
Nov.	5	Selectmen's orders, number 266 to 279 ...	1,135 89
	19	State treasurer, to state tax	1,260 00
		“ “ repair highways	79 50
	20	Library order, number 39, Bert Hughes....	5 25
		“ “ “ 40, Vera Warner....	19 61
Dec.	1	Edward A. Brown, balance county tax... .	629 50
		Selectmen's orders, number 280 to 288	1,110 74
	20	E. P. Heath, collector, taxes 1905, abate- ment per order assessors	47 62
	15	International Trust Co., school note, number 9	1,000 00
		International Trust Co., interest seven notes	280 00
Jan.	4	Chas. Labree, court money	30 65
		J. B. Howard, “ “	10 59
		Library order, number 41, Vera Warner...	19 02
		“ “ “ 42, Bert Hughes....	5 00
		“ “ “ 43, G. H. Stoddard .	4 20
	7	Selectmen's orders, number 289 to 300.....	1,350 96
	30	Library order, number 44, Vera Warner....	17 89
		“ “ “ 45, Bert Hughes....	5 00
	31	A. B. Chapin, state treasurer, druggist li- cense	25
		Shawmut National Bank, expense collecting check	10
		H. D. Mowry, overseer poor, money returned by state	15 00
Feb.	4	Selectmen's orders, number 301 to 306	900 41
	25	Library order, number 46, Vera Warner ...	19 05

Feb. 25	Library order number 47, Bert Hughes	\$ 6 25
28	" " " 48, Frank E. Jones . .	22 50
	" " " 49, C. J. Batcheller .	7 86
	" " " 50, J. W. Wixtead . .	10 96
	" " " 51, Douglas Electric Company	72 30
	E. P. Heath, collector, discount on taxes . .	277 98
	" " abatement on taxes . .	112 55
	" " town taxes	36 74
	Selectmen's orders, number 307 to 325	1,849 02
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		\$30,788 90
Feb. 28	By cash in hands of treasurer	6,365 14
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		\$37,154 04

1906.

DR.

Mar. 1	Cash on hand	\$6154 38
12	Walter E. Jones, by E. P. Heath, trustee, 4th payment on shortage account	467 80
12	N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R., Fire damages . .	18 45
21	Walter E. Jones, by E. P. Heath, trustee, 5th payment on shortage account	1122 04
April 1	Interest for March	6 97
	A. A. Putnam, Justice, court money	56 07
3	Uxbridge, town paupers, money returned . .	14 00
6	A. B. Chapin, State Treas. support sick paupers	74 07
24	Jos. Labelle & Co., license 1st and 4th class	2000 00
27	Wm. Bruley & Co., 2 pool tables and alleys	20 00
28	Napoleon Bonville, 1 pool table	5 00
30	Jos. Derham & Co., 1st and 4th class license	2000 00
30	Amos Goodness, 4 pool tables	20 00
May 1	Interest for April on deposits	84
7	W. H. Herendeen, auctioneer's license . .	2 00
	E. P. Heath, Auctioneer's license	2 00
14	Manchaug Co., check for repairing and	

	building Macadam road Depot St. as per agreement	\$300 00
15	Walter E. Jones, E. P. Heath, trustee, 6th and last payment of W. E. Jones shortage to town	488 89
17	Walter E. Jones, E. P. Heath, trustee, difference in book accounts and bills of W. E. Jones	39 12
18	Jacob H. Seder, Pedler's license No. 285, 5-18-07	8 00
31	Interest for deposits May	5 00
July 2	Welford Beane, Clerk of Court	16 44
	Interest for June	89
	E. N. Jenckes note 4 1-2 per cent.	500 00
23	E. P. Heath, collector No. 23, 1905 tax	373 09
24	" " " 1906 tax No. 1	1071 00
25	" " " " " 2	550 00
26	" " " " " 3	900 00
27	" " " " " 4	2,000 00
30	" " " " " 5	550 00
	" " " " " 6	4,550 00
31	" " " " " 7	1,000 00
Aug. 2	" " " " " 8	1,250 00
	Interest on deposits for July	62
6	E. P. Heath, collector, 1906, number 9	600 00
21	" " " " " 10	500 00
23	State treasurer, sick paupers	13 25
	" " transportation paupers	1 20
	" " burial of paupers	15 00
	" " inspector of animals	23 50
25	B. Sedesky, license peddler, number 465, expires August 21, 1907	8 00
28	Circus license	2 00
Sept. 7	E. P. Heath, collector, number 11	800 00
	Interest received, August deposits	12 50
Oct. 1	E. P. Heath, collector, number 12	600 00
	E. E. Young, undertaker's license	1 00

Oct. 1	A. A. Putnam, court money returned	\$94 62
	Interest on September deposits	11 48
9	Edw. Knapp, auctioneer's license	2 00
16	E. P. Heath, collector, number 13	350 00
23	B. Frank Strogroff, peddler's license	8 00
29	E. P. Heath, collector, number 14	800 00
Nov. 2	" " " 15	1,500 00
	Interest for October	12 04
19	State corporation tax	308 16
	" national bank tax	185 12
	" aid	962 00
	" Board of Charity	1 20
	" burial of paupers	15 00
	" burial of soldiers	70 00
Dec. 1	Interest on deposits for November	13 52
3	E. P. Heath, collector, number 16	700 00
20	" " taxes, '05,	
	number 23	\$8 98
	E. P. Heath, collector, taxes, interest	22 59
	E. P. Heath, collector, taxes, abatements	47 62
		<hr/> 79 19
31	Edw. A. Brown, treasurer, dog money	310 13
	State treasurer, temporary aid	15 00
1907.		
Jan. 2	A. A. Putnam, justice, court money	71 22
	Interest on deposits for December	12 54
3	E. P. Heath, collector, 1906 taxes, number 17	200 00
7	E. P. Heath, collector, 1906 taxes, number 18	525 00
21	E. P. Heath, collector, 1906 taxes, number 19	200 00
25	A. B. Chapin, state treasurer, Mass. school fund	845 62
31	Interest on deposits for January	10 87

Feb. 9	E. P. Heath, collector, 1906, number 20 . . .	\$200 02
	L.S. Aldrich, Uxbridge, money returned state, school superintendent	500 00
28	E. P. Heath, collector, 1906 taxes, number 21	530 00
	E. P. Heath, collector, 1906 taxes, discount	277 98
	“ “ “ “ abatement	112 55
	“ “ “ “ town tax.	36 74
	Arthur Chapin, state treasurer, income tax .	2 05
	“ “ “ “ support sick	
	paupers	37 75
	Interest on deposits for February	11 12
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		\$37,154 04

Walter E. Jones who was short in his account as treasurer of the town has made the last three payments on the shortage through E. P. Heath his trustee.

Fourth payment	\$467 80
Fifth “	1,122 04
Sixth and last payment	488 89
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	\$2,078 73

Last year the town received three payments on this shortage.

Feb. 15	Number one	\$1,385 27
19	Number two	2,031 96
24	Number three	500 00
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		\$3,917 23
Which with payments made this year make a total		<hr/>
received on shortage account of		\$5,995 96

The town's money is on deposit in the Shawmut Bank, Boston, and you have received \$98.39 interest. The town has paid the following notes :

E. N. Jenckes, agt.	\$2,000 00
Lura Wallis	800 00
Edwin Moore, est	2,000 00
M. M. Luther, est	200 00
School house note number nine	1,000 00
Interest on these notes	509 73
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	\$6,509 73

You have reduced the debt of the town \$6,509.73. The only bill or note against the town is the \$6,000.00 on new school house, and you have more than enough money in the hands of your treasurer to pay this bill, but these notes can only be paid at the rate of \$1,000.00 each year. Your town debt has never been so small as it is today. Below is the debt for the past seven years, also amount showing how much money your treasurer had on hand each year.

	Town debt.	Cash on hand.
March 1, 1901,	\$25,173 58	\$ 643 12
“ 1902,	22,430 42	959 05
“ 1903,	19,940 00	2,697 98
“ 1904,	14,800 00	1,733 74
“ 1905,	13,812 00	1,827 07
“ 1906,	12,000 00	6,154 38
“ 1907,	6,000 00	6,365 14

In trust, Henry Whiting Fund, Peoples Savings Bank,

Worcester, for care of cemetery lot. \$100 00

ASSETS.

Cash on hand	\$6,365 14
Due from Foresters for rent of hall to April 1, 1907 .	60 00
“ “ E. B. Knapp, collector, 1896 taxes	20 31
“ “ “ “ 1897 “	145 67
“ “ “ “ 1899 “	229 90
“ “ “ “ 1900 “	254 22
“ “ “ “ 1901 “	95 07
“ “ E. P. Heath, “ 1906 “	197 04
“ “ State, burial of soldiers	70 00
“ “ “ for state aid.	880 00
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	\$8,317 35

LIABILITIES.

Six school house notes \$6,000 00

WALTER E. SCHUSTER,

Town Treasurer.



To the Honorable Board of Selectmen of Douglas, Mass. :

I have examined the books and accounts of the Town Treasurer and Tax Collector for the year ending March 1, 1907 and find them to be correct. The Treasurer's cash balance of \$6,365.14, is accounted for as follows :—

On deposit in National Shawmut Bank, Boston	\$5,920 86
Checks undeposited	422 90
Cash on hand	21 38
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	\$6,365 14

WILLIAM FRANKLIN HALL, *Auditor.*

March 1, 1907.

By A. T. Byrnes.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

1906.

BIRTHS.

Whole number.....		66
Number of males.....	29	
Number of females.....	37	
	—	66
American parentage.....	23	
Foreign parentage.....	33	
Mixed parentage.....	10	
	—	66

MARRIAGES.

Whole number.....		26
American birth.....	27	
Foreign birth.....	25	
Residents of Douglas.....	42	
Elsewhere.....	10	
First marriage.....	49	
Second marriage.....	3	

DEATHS.

Whole number.....		45
Males.....	22	
Females.....	23	
	—	45

American birth.....	34	
Foreign birth.....	11	
	—	45
Number under 1 year.....	9	
Between 1 and 5.....	3	
“ 5 and 10.....	2	
“ 10 and 20.....	1	
“ 20 and 30.....	2	
“ 30 and 40.....	4	
“ 40 and 50.....	3	
“ 50 and 60.....	3	
“ 60 and 70.....	5	
“ 70 and 80.....	5	
“ 80 and 90.....	8	
“ 90 and 100.....	—	45

DOGS REGISTERED.

Whole number.....	166
Males, 153 at \$2.00.....	\$306 00
Females, 13 at 5.00.....	65 00
	<hr/> \$371 00
Less fees, (166 at 20 cts.).....	33 20
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Paid to County Treasurer.....	\$337 80

GEORGE ABBOTT,

Town Clerk.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

OF

Simon Fairfield Public Library

1906.

DR.

To appropriation by the town	\$400 00
Dog fund for the year	310 13
Carbide sold	3 50
Old newspapers sold	2 75
Fines for the year	17 39
	\$733 77

1906.

CR.

Mar. 16	By paid Vera H. Warner, librarian	\$20 00
24	" J. B. Howard, janitor	5 00
April 2	" Geo. H. Stoddard, magazines and papers	35 60
10	" Vera H. Warner, librarian, sundries.	20 09
23	" J. B. Howard, janitor	5 00
May 8	" Vera H. Warner, librarian	20 00
21	" J. B. Howard, janitor	5 00
June 1	" Cleaning	3 00
5	" Vera H. Warner, librarian, sundries.	20 05
21	" Bert Hughes, janitor	5 00
25	" Electric lighting for four months . . .	30 27

July	5	By paid Vera H. Warner, librarian.....	\$20 00
	21	" Bert Hughes, janitor.....	5 00
	31	" Vera H. Warner, librarian, sundries..	20 05
Aug.	20	" Bert Hughes, janitor.....	5 00
	21	" Frank Jones, coal.....	70 75
	28	" Vera H. Warner, librarian.....	20 00
Sept.	20	" Bert Hughes, janitor.....	5 00
	25	" Vera H. Warner, librarian.....	20 00
Oct.	5	" G. H. Stoddard, newspapers	8 65
	20	" Bert Hughes, janitor.....	5 00
	23	" Vera H. Warner, librarian, express..	20 25
Nov.	20	" Bert Hughes, janitor, sundries.....	5 25
	20	" Vera H. Warner, librarian, express..	20 30
Dec.	18	" Vera H. Warner, librarian.....	20 00
	20	" Bert Hughes, janitor.....	5 00

1907.

Jan.	5	" Geo. H. Stoddard, newspapers.....	4 20
	15	" Vera H. Warner, librarian.....	20 00
	20	" Bert Hughes, janitor.....	5 00
Feb.	12	" Vera H. Warner, librarian.....	20 00
	20	" Bert Hughes, janitor.....	5 00
		" Cutting and housing wood.....	1 25
	28	" Frank Jones, coal.....	22 50
		" Wood.....	4 50
		" Keys, electric light bulbs, express ..	3 36
		" J. W. Wixtead, supplies.....	10 96
		" Electric lighting for eight months...	72 30

 \$588 33

Cash in town treasury..... 145 44

 \$733 77

ENDOWMENT ACCOUNTS.

DR.

James M. Fairfield endowment, (\$5,000.00.)

To received one year's interest..... \$175 00

CR.

By paid W. E. Jones, labor and material on	
roof.	\$15 26
Trustees for grading and repairs.	90 47
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	\$105 73
Balance unexpended	<hr/>
	\$69 27

James Smith devise, (\$6,000.00.)

To received six month's interest. \$120 00

The library has passed another prosperous year. An order has been placed for over two hundred new books, which will soon be in the hands of the readers, and some two hundred and fifty old books are being rebound. The expense for these new books and the rebinding is to be met from the balances on hand as shown in this report.

The book committee, in future, will make additions of the new books by the standard authors, as soon as published, thus keeping the library up to date, and giving the patrons the benefit of the new books while they are new.

From the experience of the past three years, the trustees are satisfied that the hot air furnace is not adequate to keeping the library comfortably warm in cold weather, and that the consumption of coal is excessive to the results obtained. They propose equipping the building with either steam or hot water heating this season.

CHAS. J. BATCHELLER, *Treasurer.*

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

OVERSEERS OF POOR

FOR YEAR ENDING MAR. 1, 1907.

LEVI A. BROWN, Supt. of Almshouse.

Personal property at almshouse, as per inventory

March 1, 1906.....	\$2,140.06
March 1, 1907.....	2,125.02

Decrease	15.04
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We have made the Superintendent debtor to what he has received for labor, produce, etc., and credited him with what he has paid out as follows:

1906	DR.		Mar. 29	Butter	\$ 1 20
Mar. 1	Cash on hand	\$31 49		Vinegar	15
6	19 lbs. butter	5 70		Eggs	30
12	James Wilson,		April 2	Butter and	
	Board	36 00		Milk	42
15	Butter and		3	Corn fodder	1 00
	Cream	1 45		Butter	30
20	8 lbs. butter	2 40		1 Calf	7 75
	Butter and eggs	4 35	6	Work with team	7 00

Apr. 9	Chickens	\$ 4 00	May 23	Labor with team	3 50
	Butter	30	24	Labor with team	3 50
	Labor with team	3 50	28	Butter and Cream	66
11	Lumber	3 00	30	Labor with horses	2 00
	Labor with team	3 50	June 1	Mrs. Knapp, board	6 00
12	Labor with team	3 50		1 cow and heifer	50 00
13	Labor with team	3 50		Labor with horses	2 00
14	Labor with team	3 50	2	Labor with horses	2 00
16	Labor with team	3 50	4	Butter	84
	Milk	05		Labor with horses	2 00
17	Labor with team	3 50	7	Butter and eggs	50
18	Labor with team	3 50	8	2 Hogs, 473 lbs. at 8c. a lb	37 84
19	Butter	30	9	Labor with horses	1 00
	Labor with team	3 50		Labor	25
20	Milk	10		Mrs. A. Knapp, board	6 00
	Labor with team	3 50	12	Butter and eggs	94
21	Labor with team	3 50	14	Mrs. A. Knapp, board	3 00
23	Butter	30	16	Butter	75
24	James Wilson, board	21 00		Eggs and cream	2 18
26	Marcus Brown, board	3 00	19	Labor with team	2 00
	Milk	20		Milk	05
27	Butter	30	21	Mrs. A. Knapp, board	3 00
May 1	Milk	10		Butter	50
4	Butter	30		Eggs and cream	28
7	Eggs	40	23	Butter and cream	60
8	Butter	30	27	Labor	25
	Milk	10	28	Mrs. A. Knapp board	3 00
11	Butter	28	29	Butter and potatoes	37
12	Milk and butter	1 22		Labor	50
	Marcus Brown, board	2 00		Butter and milk	35
	Labor with team	1 50	July 2	Cream	40
15	Labor with team	1 50		Butter and eggs	75
16	Milk	20			
17	Butter	25			
	Labor with team	3 50			
18	Labor with team	3 50			
19	Labor with team	3 50			
20	Milk	10			
21	Dinner	25			
	Labor with team	3 50			
22	Labor with team	3 50			
23	1 Calf	7 75			

July 5	Mrs. A. Knapp board	\$3 00	Aug. 7	Labor with team	1 00
6	Milk	15		Board B. A.	
7	Butter and eggs	1 00		Stockwell's men	3 75
10	Butter and milk	55		Vegetables and eggs	43
11	Butter and beans	35	8	Butter and cream	45
	Eggs and milk	40	10	Corn	12
12	Mrs. A. Knapp board	3 00	11	Board B. A. Stockwell's men	3 50
13	Cream	40		Eggs and corn	54
	Milk and beans	25	13	Corn	30
14	Butter and eggs	61	14	Butter and corn	35
17	Butter and milk	60	17	Eggs and Corn	48
19	Mrs. A. Knapp board	3 00	18	Board B. A. Stockwell's men	4 50
	Milk	76	20	Corn	10
20	Milk and butter	81		Labor with team	4 00
	Fowls	1 35	21	Dinners	50
	Beans	10	24	Eggs	28
	Butter and milk	84	27	Labor	1 00
21	Butter and milk	1 27	28	Butter and eggs	53
22	Milk	44	29	Butter and eggs	42
23	Milk	40	31	Eggs	28
24	Butter and eggs	53	Sept. 1	Milk and eggs	38
	Milk	40	5	Fowl	57
25	Butter and eggs	53		Butter and eggs	1 14
26	Milk	52	7	Butter	84
27	Milk	52	Oct. 1	Butter and eggs	88
28	Milk	48	4	Butter and eggs	44
	Vegetables	05	4	2 pigs, 334 lbs. at 9c a lb.	30 06
	Butter and eggs	53	5	Butter and eggs	75
29	Milk	80	6	Butter and cream	24
31	Eggs	56		Milk and potatoes	80
	Butter and eggs	53	10	21 bu. potatoes	15 75
Aug. 1	Butter	75		1 Calf	7 00
2	Vegetables and eggs	52	13	5 bbl. Apples	5 00
	Cream and eggs	38		Squashes	1 73
	Labor with team	2 00	15	2 bbl. Apples	2 00
	Milk	6 76	17	1 Sewing Machine	8 00
3	Labor with team	1 50	19	1 bus. Apples	50
4	Vegetables	18			
6	Milk	05			

Oct. 19	Squashes	\$ 50	Feb. 28	Butter	\$ 75
29	Squashes	2 00		1 Plow-beam	50
Nov. 1	12 bbl. Apples	15 25			
	Butter and milk	80			<hr/>
7	Potatoes	1 50			\$682 92
13	Labor with team	2 00	1906.		Cr.
15	Labor with team	1 00	Mar. 1	Jas. Wixtead,	
19	Labor with team	2 00		on account	\$ 30
20	1 Hog, 243 lbs.		6	E. N. Jenckes,	
	at 8½c a lb.	20 66		on account	5 42
28	Butter and milk	45	15	Jas. Wixtead,	
Dec. 1	Butter	30		on account	1 20
	Turnips	50		Cheese	1 00
	1 Cow	10 00		Coffee	25
19	Oil	15		Tobacco, Frank	
	Butter and eggs	40		Chase	55
29	Butter	45		H. N. Logee,	
	Milk	15		shoeing	2 75
1907		DR.		Repairs on har-	
Jan. 5	Butter and milk	45		ness	1 00
7	Milk	15	20	Jas. Wixtead,	
10	Butter and milk	1 00		on account	38
12	Ellen Leach,			E. N. Jenckes,	
	board Mar. 1, '06			on account	3 30
	to Jan. 5, '07	123 31	26	Jas. Wixtead,	
15	Butter	60		on account	8 59
21	Butter	60	28	F. F. Young,	
29	Butter and milk	40		sea food	4 00
Feb. 4	Potatoes	85		Medicine	1 70
7	Milk	10	29	Mrs. Brown,	
12	Butter	60		labor	1 00
	1 Calf	8 50		T. J. Murphy	
16	Butter	30		meat	6 19
	Board, B. A.			John Condon,	
	Stockwell's			meat	7 33
	men	3 00	Apr. 2	Comb and salve	45
19	Butter	75	9	Tobacco, Frank	
22	Butter	1 85		Chase	40
	Board, B. A.,		19	Medicine	1 00
	Stockwell's		21	Tobacco, Frank	
	men	2 00		Chase	10
26	Butter	30	23	Cash, Frank	
	Dinners	50		Chase	1 15
27	Potatoes	80	24	Plough point	80
	Milk	36	26	Labor, painting	5 00

Apr. 2	Fowls, Levi Brown	\$19 00	June 5	Phosphate	\$ 32 00
27	Tobacco, Frank Chase	10	7	Killing hogs	2 00
	Cowslips	50		Labor, Fred Parker	1 25
30	Three settings eggs	75	8	One dozen tomato plants	25
	T. J. Murphy	5 50		Vegetables	42
	Knife	25		John Condon, meat	10 02
	Carbolic acid	15	9	Dr. for Mr. Jenny	2 50
May 1	Medicine	1 00		Dr. for Ellen Leach	50
	John Condon, meat	6 47	11	Soap	3 75
	Three settings of eggs	75		Beans	60
	Tobacco, Frank Chase	10	16	Labor, Fred Parks	2 25
7	Four pigs	12 00		Peas	10
	Seeds	20	20	Vegetables	47
	Rivets	25	22	Onions	25
	Medicine	50		Millet seed	1 78
	Tobacco, Frank Chase	10		David Henchey, one shirt	50
9	Ten bushels potatoes	12 50	23	Medicine	50
11	Tobacco, Frank Chase	10	27	Eggs	93
12	Medicine	1 20	29	T. J. Murphy, meat	8 59
	Dr. for Mr. Jenny	6 25		John Condon, meat	4 68
15	Medicine	1 00	July 2	Medicine	50
16	Brick	60	3	Coffee	1 10
	Hire of corn planter	25		Jas. Wixtead	10 00
17	Tobacco, Frank Chase	10		E. N. Jenckes	40 00
25	Cash, Frank		5	F. F. Young, fish	1 67
	Chase in full	24 15	23	Medicine	1 50
31	F. F. Young, fish	2 73	24	Telephone	40
June 1	T. J. Murphy	4 06	30	Cash, David Henchey	14 50
2	Eggs	75		T. J. Murphy, meat	7 37
	Medicine	1 00		Blueberries	1 00
4	Ralph Dudley	1 00	Aug. 2	Cash, David Henchey	6 00
	Medicine	35	Aug. 2	Labor, F. Parks	3 15

Aug. 3	F. F. Young, fish	\$ 1 39	Oct. 20	Labor, Fred Parks	\$ 2 00
	John Condon, meat	11 15	23	Crockery	1 25
	Labor, Fred Parks	50		Frank Young, fish	1 59
6	Disinfectant	50	26	T. J. Murphy, meat	4 03
7	Fly-driver	20	30	Cloth, Ellen Leach	1 00
9	Labor, Fred Parks	60	31	John Condon, meat	5 47
11	Vinegar	20	Nov. 5	Cloth, Ellen Leach	63
	Medicine for Mrs. Paine	1 00		Four pigs	10 00
18	Labor, Fred Parks	3 75	7	Zinc	1 25
25	Labor, Fred Parks	1 50		Filing saw	25
27	Nails	30	10	Making cider	5 00
30	F. Young, fish	2 26	14	Killing hogs	2 00
	Labor, Fred Parks	2 50	17	Dr. for Ellen Leach	1 25
31	T. J. Murphy, meat	5 88	21	U. Peters, vet- erinary	8 00
Sept. 4	John Condon, meat	6 85	22	Doctor	75
7	Labor, Fred Parks	5 00		Medicine	15
8	Medicine	30		John Condon, meat	3 00
15	Vinegar	30	Dec. 5	Ralph Dudley	1 00
22	Medicine	1 00	6	F. Young, fish	80
Oct. 2	John Condon, meat	7 00		One robe and blanket	4 00
	F. Young, fish	66	7	T. J. Murphy, meat	2 98
4	Killing hogs	1 50	14	Waist, Ellen Leach	50
5	T. J. Murphy, meat	3 84	27	F. F. Young, fish	65
	Shoes and cloth, Ellen Leach	2 00	28	T. J. Murphy, meat	3 42
18	One heifer	40 00	29	John Condon, meat	1 40
	Sundries for Jed. Wadkins	2 52	1907.		
19	Hay-seed	5 36	Jan. 7	D. Dudley, shoeing	8 25
	W. E. Jones	4 25	12	Vinegar	20
20	Labor, Jed. Wad- kins	14 64	15	E. N. Jenckes,	

	on account	\$60 00	Feb. 23	Sea food	\$ 30
22	Jas. Wixtead,			Coffee	30
	on account	40 00	26	John Condon,	
25	T. J. Murphy,			meat	5 45
	meat	4 24	28	Frank Amadon	1 15
29	John Condon,			Bread	20
	meat	7 89			
31	Tea	35	Total,		<u>\$658 69</u>
Feb. 1	Clothing, Ellen				
	Leach	50	Mar. 1	Cash in hands	
12	Essences	30		Supt.	19 25
14	Ralph Dudley,			Bills receivable,	
	cutting ice	12 83		Ellen Leach	24 50
28	Doctor, Ellen			Bills receivable,	
	Leach	4 00		Frank Amidon	5 00
22	T. J. Murphy,				
	meat	3 38			<u>\$707 44</u>
	B. A. Stockwell	2 00			

The Overseers have paid the following bills on almshouse account:

1906		
Mar. 30	Henry F. Wheelock, salary to April 1, 1906.	\$75 00
July 7	Levi A. Brown, salary to July 1, 1906.....	75 00
Oct. 6	Levi A. Brown, salary to Oct. 1, 1906.....	75 00
18	George Brown, 1 cow	35 00
1907		
Jan. 12	Levi A. Brown, salary to Jan. 1, 1907.....	75 00
Feb. 28	James Wixtead.....	53 76
	E. N. Jenckes.....	108 75
		<u>\$497 51</u>

REPAIRS.

1906		
June 12	A. Gove.....	\$7 35
	E. T. Rawson	2 00
Oct. 2	B. A. Stockwell...	3 06
		<u>\$12 41</u>

SUMMARY.

Superintendent has paid for supplies as per this report	\$658 69
Overseers have paid out as per report.....	497 51
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	\$1156 20
Superintendent for labor, produce and board.....	682 92
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	\$473 28
Decrease as per inventory.....	15 04
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Cost for support of poor at almshouse for this year..	\$488 32
Number of weeks board of poor, 75 $\frac{1}{2}$	
Cost per week, about \$6.50	

Inmates at almshouse, March 1, 1907.

Joseph Jenney, age 83; Frank Chase, age 51; Mrs. S. Paine, 89.

OUTSIDE POOR.

Ernest Labelle.....	\$ 5 35
John Backer.....	71 75
Sylvia Wakefield.....	60 00
Mrs. George Casey.....	53 00
Mrs. Margaret Duprey.....	48 00
Mrs. Edith Cleary.....	27 00
Mrs. Sarah Paine.....	25 25
Mrs. Felix Pelaquin.....	5 00
Mary Murray.....	13 00
Mrs. James Quinn.....	42 00
George H. Luidberg.....	4 50
Joseph Gette.....	8 60
Mrs. Ella Jennier.....	23 45
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	\$386 90
Poor of Fall River, Herbert Bochier.....	7 75
Poor of Sutton, Maria Humes.....	63 45

STATE POOR

Moses Cousins.....	\$15 00
Mary Barney.....	15 00
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	\$30 00

Due from State, Frank Rebar.....	\$15 00
“ “ John Maiskala.....	3 00
“ “ Margaret Solinski.....	12 00
“ “ Mary Barney.....	17 75
“ “ Marie Hedberg.....	23 00

\$70 75

LOCKUP ACCOUNT.

1906

Sept. 7	William Herendeen, care of lockup to September 1, 1906.....	\$20 00
Oct. 19	William Herendeen, cleaning lockup.....	5 00
25	W. A. Scribner, stove pipe.....	1 84
	William Manahan, stove.....	7 00
	F. Bowen, glass.....	45
Feb. 28	William Herendeen, care of lockup to March 1.....	20 00

\$54 29

Number of tramps for year, 3.

MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNT

1906

Mar. 15	Suaute Sagren to State Hospital...	\$ 5 61
May 9	F. Bowen, expense for M. Cousins.	3 00
15	Expense to Boston.....	2 50
June 5	Expense to Oxford.....	3 25
7	Frank Sherwood to State Hospital.	5 16
19	Expense to Sutton.....	1 50
26	Postage stamps.....	1 00
30	A. Dudley, labor ..	1 00
July 2	Henry Shaw.....	10 21
16	Expense to Uxbridge.....	1 25
	Dr. P. Ela.....	1 50
Sept. 11	Expense.....	90
25	Expense for team.....	3 25
Nov. 6	Expense to Uxbridge.....	1 50
9	Expense to Manchaug.....	75
16	Dr. Clarke.....	2 00
21	Stationery and printing.....	7 78

1907

Jan. 12	D. Dudley, labor to Mar. 1, 1906..	12 60
	Expense.....	1 50
31	Expense.....	1 00

Feb. 12	Dr. Clarke, P. Lazarus.....	\$1 00	
13	P. Lazarus, State Hospital.....	7 00	
	E. T. Rawson.....	1 70	
			<hr/> \$76 96

AMOUNT RECEIVED FOR SUPPORT OF POOR.

1906			
March	Cash on hand	\$ 14 78	
	Received from Town Treasurer....	750 00	
	State.....	137 52	
	Uxbridge.....	14 00	
	Fall River.....	7 75	
	W. H. Emerson, care of Ellen		
	Leach, Mar. 1, 1904 to Mar. 1,		
	1906.....	276 69	
			<hr/> \$1200 74

RECAPITULATION.

Paid on account of poor at almshouse.....	\$497 51	
Outside poor.....	386 90	
State poor.....	30 00	
Fall River poor.....	7 75	
Sutton poor.....	63 47	
Lockup.....	54 29	
Repairs on poor house.....	12 41	
Miscellaneous	76 96	
Due from State.....	70 75	
Cash on hand.....	70	
		<hr/> \$1200 74

The Overseers have received for their services:

Henry D. Mowry	\$100 00
E. T. Rawson.....	25 00
Orlan F. Chase.....	25 00

HENRY D. MOWRY, } Overseers
 EDWIN T. RAWSON, } of
 ORLAN F. CHASE, } Poor.

I have examined the accounts of the Overseers of the Poor and find them correct.

FRANK H. BIRD, *Auditor.*

Annual Report of WILLIE R. WALLIS, Agent

ON THE

Devise of Moses Wallis

TO TOWN OF DOUGLAS

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1907.

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The Agent has charged himself with amounts due the Town March 1, 1907, as follows :

Notes due the town.....	\$6,688 05
Accrued interest on notes	634 85
Deposited Rhode Island Hospital Trust Co. and accrued interest.....	22,105 97
Cash in hands of Agent.....	108 00
	<hr/> \$29,586 87

1906.

Mar. 1	Cash in hands of Agent	\$108 00
20	Received of John Valior	18 00
28	“ Alfred Lebeau...	50 00
Apr. 3	“ John D. Darling..	30 00
14	“ John D. Darling..	15 00
21	“ Amos G. Yates...	100 00
	“ Maria Wood.....	6 00
27	“ Mary A. Reynolds	15 00

Apr. 28	Received of A. F. Brown	\$125 00
May 1	" Amos G. Yates	602 80
June 7	" John D. Darling	50 00
29	" Alfred Lebeau	56 72
Aug. 20	" Susan V. Thayer	10 00
	" John D. Darling	50 00
Sept. 5	" Margaret Stearns	10 00
7	" E. M. Southwick	30 00
10	" John D. Darling	15 00
	" Margaret Stearns	5 00
Nov. 6	" John D. Darling	20 00
Dec. 4	" Mary J. Murphy	398 04
20	" Margaret Stearns	323 90
24	" Mary A. Reynolds	6 00
31	" Potter M. Bates	9 00
Jan. 28	" Vesta H. Balcome	7 50
Feb. 21	" Susan V. Thayer	20 00
23	" Salina Casey	30 00
26	" David and Amos Lunn	30 00
28	" Preserved Alger	6 00
	" Joseph T. Arnold	12 00
	" Phebe Young	30 00
		<hr/> \$2,188 96

The Agent has paid out as follows :

1906.

Apr. 30	Deposited Rhode Island Hospi- tal Trust Co	\$467 00
May 1	Discharging mortgage	25
June 30	F. J. Libby, expense on Yates foreclosure	11 00
	Discharging mortgage	25
July 2	Deposited Rhode Island Hospi- tal Trust Co	698 02
Sept. 24	Discharging mortgage	25
Dec. 13	Thayer & Rugg	50 00

Dec. 31	Assignment	\$ 25	
	Deposited Rhode Island Hospi- tal Trust Co	826 44	
Feb. 28	Agent, care of Devise.....	75 00	
		<hr/>	\$2,128 46

NOTES DUE THE TOWN MARCH 1, 1907.

Maker of Note	Paid by	Accrued Int.	Principal.
Joseph T. Arnold	Arthur L. Putnam		\$200 00
Preserved Alger	Russell H. Baton		100 00
Emma J. Brown		\$22 13	150 00
Vesta H. Balcome	Wellington Balcome	3 64	125 00
Potter M. Bates	John C. F. Bates	3 35	150 00
A. F. Brown	Alvin H. Brown, admr.	30 00	500 00
Salina Casey	Ordeal Casey, admr.	3 00	500 00
Frank Duval		7 86	125 00
Frank Duval		33 80	300 00
John D. Darling	Rosmond Rickard		88 72
Joel Glover	Sarah Duffo	14 93	200 00
David and Amos Lunn	David Lunn	10 33	500 00
Charles F. Rawson		21 30	200 00
Mary A. Reynolds		2 30	100 00
Mary A. Reynolds		9 30	250 00
Edward M. Southwick	Wm. H. Evans	17 00	500 00
Susan V. Thayer		23 42	500 00
John Vallier	Agnes Gauvin	18 45	300 00
Maria C. Wood		10 75	100 00
Phebe Young		35 67	500 00
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		\$267 23	\$5,388 72

RECAPITULATION.

1906.

Mar. 1	Cash in hands of Agent	\$108 00	
	Cash received during the year..	2,080 96	
		<hr/>	\$2,188 96
	Cash paid out during the year..	\$137 00	
	Deposited R. I. H. Trust Co...	1,991 46	
	Cash in hands of Agent	60 50	
		<hr/>	\$2,188 96

1907.

Mar. 1	Notes due the town	\$5,388 72	
	Accrued interest	267 23	
	Deposited in R. I. H. Trust Co.	24,097 43	
	Accrued interest on deposit.	910 07	
	Cash in hands of Agent.	60 50	
		<hr/>	\$30,723 95
	Value of Devise, March 1, 1906		29,586 87
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	Net gain for the year		\$1,137 08

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIE R. WALLIS, *Agent*.

I have this day audited books and securities of the above account and found the same to be correct.

F. H. BIRD, *Auditor*.

REPORT OF TAX COLLECTOR FOR 1906.

Douglas, March 1st, 1907

The Assessors of Douglas for the year 1906 committed to me the Collector's book with warrant, to Collect and pay over to the Treasurer of the said town of Douglas the sum of..... \$20,000 33

I have collected and paid over to the Treasurer in cash, discounts and abatements the sum of..... 19,803 29

Leaving balance uncollected to Mar 1, 1907..... \$197 04

Cash on hand... \$21 03

Cash collected since March 1st, 1907... 2 00

Leaving balance to be collected... \$174 01

Interest collected on taxes to March 1st,
1907 \$20 91

By vote of the town March 1902, the names of all delinquent taxpayers are to be printed in the town report, and are as follows:

LIST OF DELINQUENT TAXPAYERS FOR 1906.

Grosvener T. Anderson	\$14 64	Est. Joseph Rinfrette	\$12 64
Harry Balcom	2 00	Phillip Revord	2 00
Est. Elijah Bigelow	19 75	Thomas Rinfrette	2 00
William Charette	2 00	Henry Rattie	2 79
Frank Chase	2 00	J. Sabodie	2 00
Mike Cootsal	2 00	Mike Shearmock	2 00
Mike Censeak	2 00	Fred H. Thompson	6 74
Dominet Dentini	7 53	Alfred W. Tranque	2 00
J. Dugan	2 00	Louis A. Vincent	2 00
Nesford Dion	2 00	Chas. F. Whittemore	2 00
Gracome Gigleotti	2 00	John Zelonka	2 00
Fred Greenland	2 00	Mrs. Delia J. Paine	9 48
Mrs. Chas. Hilton	79	Mrs. Victoria Woodman	7 90
William L. Humphry	2 47	John H. Leavett	1 98
Gustaf Johnson	2 00	Frank L. Putnam	1 19
Paul James Hanat	2 00	F. F. Sibley	2 37
Adam Kererick	2 00	Mrs. Sarah A. Sibley	8 69
P. LaPlant	2 00	Joseph P. Love	2 61
Michael J. McCormick	2 00	William Warden	11 81
Joseph Medoraski	2 00	Louis Normandeau	14 46
James Quinn	2 00	Lewis Bruno	2 00
Moses H. Balcom	18 73		

Respectfully submitted

E. P. HEATH, *Collector.*

REPORT OF HIGHWAY SURVEYORS.

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In this department the prices for labor, per hour, are: Surveyors, 20c; 2 horses on cart, 20c; 1 horse on cart, $12\frac{1}{2}$ c; 2 horses on scraper, 30c; laborers, men 15c, boys $12\frac{1}{2}$ c; man driving scraper $17\frac{1}{2}$ c.

CYRUS SWEET, District No. 1,

Cyrus A. Sweet, 322 h	\$64 40	Paul Manning, 120 h	\$18 00
1 horse 129 h	16 12	" " 2 horses	
Town farm, man 180 h	27 00	120 h	24 00
" " 2 horses		G. H. Dudley, 5 h	75
180 h	36 00	" " 2 horses	
Joseph Mills, 30 h	4 50	5 h	1 00
Frank Rawson, 110 h	16 50	O. M. Chase, 5 h	75
Charley Hilton, 125 h	18 75		
Charles Scardin, 80 h	12 00		
Fred Parks, 70 h	10 50		<u>\$250 27</u>

U. I. PETERS, District No. 2.

U. I. Peters, 242 h	\$48 20	P. Bryant, 23 h	\$3 45
" " team, 106 h	21 20	E. Burnor, 18 h	2 70
H. A. Peters, 197 h	29 55	R. Peters, 10 h	1 50
O. Roberts, 157 h	23 55	U. I. Peters, 6 horses	
C. Dudley, 85 h	12 75	on scraper 30 h	27 00
H. Dancouse, 30 h	4 50	Repairing tools,	2 60
F. Casey, 30 h	4 50		
A. Roberts, 23 h	3 45		<u>\$185 25</u>
N. Dancouse, 2 h	30		

PALMER CONVERSE, District No. 3

Frank Francis, 10 h	\$1 50	Mitchel Foster, 50 h	\$6 00
Joseph Francis, 10 h	1 50	D. E. A. Wallis 2 horses	
W. P. Wright, 30 h	4 50	and man 30 h	10 50
Joseph Labell, 20 h	3 00	F. W. Draper, 42 h	6 30
Henry Jarvis, driving		Ralph Converse, 40 h	6 00
scraper 14 h	2 45	James Bush, 20 h	3 00
" " 2 horses on		John Anderson, 10 h	1 50
" " scraper 14 h	4 20	W. R. Wallis, 4 lbs.	
" " 2 horses on		spikes	14
cart 13 h	4 55	" " 255 feet	
William Jarvis, holding		plank	6 38
scraper 14 h	2 45	P. Converse, 130 h	26 00
" " 2 horses,		" " horse and	
scraper 14 h	4 20	cart 125 h	15 63
" " 2 horses, cart			
13 h	4 55		<u>\$116 70</u>
W. Scribner, 2 shovels	2 35		

A. E. CHAPMAN, District No. 4

A. E. Chapman, 153 h	\$30 60	on cart 20 h	\$4 00
" " 2 horses on		H. Chase 1 horse on	
cart 70 h	14 00	scraper 30 h	4 50
" " 1 horse 21 h	2 57	Alphonse Chase, 113 h	16 95
" " 2 horses on		Myron Chase, 50 h	7 50
scraper 5 h	1 50	L. E. Connors, 15 h	2 25
" " 1 horse on		J. K. Mathewson, 30 h	4 50
scraper 25 h	3 75	Wm. Humphrey, 9 h	1 35
Alfred Parker, driving 4		Henry Newton, 25 h	3 75
horses on scraper		M. E. Chase, 6 loads	
25 h	4 36	gravel	30
Alfred Parker, 2 horses		D. Dudley, sharpening	
scraper 25 h	7 50	picks and bars	51
Henry Chase, 110 h	16 50		
" " 2 horses			<u>\$126 39</u>

WILLIE JARVIS, District No. 5

Report not filed, amount spent\$136 50

F. J. KENYON, District No. 6.

F. J. Kenyon, 122 h	\$24 40	Fred Parker, driving 4	
" " 2 horses		horses on scraper	
68 h	13 60	30 h	\$5 25
Roy Kenyon, 135 h	16 87	2 horses 30 h	9 00
Harry Lambert, 125 h	15 62	F. Kenyon, 1 horse 51 h	5 10
John Dolbeer, 65 h	9 75	Gordon Kenyon, 4 h	40
Myron Chase, 30 h	4 50	Charlie Maynard, 18	
Road scraper F. J. K.		loads gravel	90
32 h	6 40		
F. J. Kenyon, 2 horses			\$120 79
on scraper 30 h	9 00		

W. E. CARPENTER, District No. 7.

W. E. Carpenter, 202 h	\$40 40	H. Bancroft, 20 h	\$ 3 00
" horse		" two horses	
and cart, 164 h	20 50	on scraper, 20 h	6 00
W. E. Carpenter, loads		Frenchman, 5 h	75
gravel, 232	11 60	Peter Osier, 15 h	2 25
Hammond Metcalf, 40 h	6 00	Edw. Carpenter, 11 h	1 65
Hammond Metcalf,		O. Guertin, 26 loads gra-	
horse and cart, 40 h	5 00	vel	1 30
Edw. Rawson, 22 h	3 30	Chas. Bennett, 55 h	8 25
R. Georgeson, 40 h	6 00	" 2 horses	
F. Casey, 80 h	12 00	and cart, 55 h	11 00
F. Dion, 15 h	2 25	Pascal Moran, 65 h	9 75
U. Peters, driver on sca-		Peter Ryan, 55 h	8 25
per, 20 h	3 50	G. Roberts, 5 h	75
U. Peters, 2 horses on		F. W. Gurry, 13 h	1 95
scraper, 20 h	6 00	Onesime Harvey, 30 h	4 50
H. Peters, holding sca-		W. R. Wallis, 1 fork	90
per, 20 h	4 00	H. N. Lougee, sharpen-	
Oliver Roberts, 20 h	3 00	ing tools	50
" 2 horses			
on scraper, 20 h	6 00		\$190 35

L. A. BUFFUM, District No. 8.

L. A. Buffum, 216 h	\$32 40	W. F. Young 2 horses,	
" 1 horse		56 h	\$11 20
74 h	8 50	W. F. Young, 1 horse,	
W. F. Young, 114 h	17 10	30 h	3 00

W. A. Sherman, 21 h	\$ 3 90	Lafayette Taft, 17 h	\$ 2 55
C. A. Stearns, 19 h	2 85	“ 2 horses, 17 h	3 40
S. W. Seagraves, 9 h	1 35		
Harry Lambert, 14 h	2 10		\$89 35
Chas. Maynerd, 5 loads		SNOW ROADS	
gravel	25	L. A. Buffum, 8 h	\$1 20
L. A. Buffum, 15 loads		“ 1 horse, 8 h	1 00
gravel	75	W. F. Young, 8 h	1 20
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	\$83 40		\$3 40

FRANK E. JONES, District No. 9.

Frank E. Jones, 222½ h	\$44 50	Will Jarvis, holding scraper, 3 h	52
“ 1 horse		Will Jarvis, 2 horses on scraper, 3 h	90
and cart, 200 h	25 00	Charles Bell, 2 horses on cart, 20 h	7 00
John Anderson, 219 h	32 85	Henry Prince, 5 h	62
Horace Belding, 101½ h	15 22	Clinton Babson, 11 h	1 37
Oliver Roberts, 27 h	4 05	Wm. Brown, 4 h	60
“ 2 horses		John F. Bracket, 29 h	4 35
on scraper, 11½ h	3 45	Fred Whitcome, 5 h	62
Oliver Roberts, 2 horses		Brigham Morse, 1 horse and cart, 14¾ h	4 05
on road, 15½ h	3 10	Peter Girden, 11 h	1 65
Urban Peters, driving on scraper, 11½ h	2 00	Erastus Chase, 2 horses, 9 h	3 15
Urban Peters, 2 horses		Frank Kenyon, 25 h	5 00
on scraper, 11½ h	3 45	“ 2 horses on cart, 25 h	5 00
Urban Peters, 2 horses		Ray Kenyon, 25 h	3 12
on road, 15½ h	3 10	H. N. Lougee, sharpening tools	65
Urban Peters, 10½ h	1 57	A. F. Jones, 22 loads gravel	1 10
Henry Peters, 27 h	4 05	W. E. Jones, 1 pick handle	20
Ernest Hedberg, 5 h	75	W. E. Jones, one snow shovel	60
James Howard, 9 h	1 35	W. R. Wallis, plank, labor, 1 hoe and pick	7 36
Francis King, (Mason), 9 h	3 00		
A. F. Jones, one horse, team and labor	8 00	Total	\$211 07
Frank Smith, 8 h	2 00		
Alfred Frank, 1½ h	22		
Charles Plant, 15 h	2 25		
Albert Dausereau, 3 h	45		
Palmer Converse, 3 h	60		
W. P. Wight, 3 h	45		
Mitchel Foster, 3 h	45		
Henry Jarvis, 3 h	45		
“ two horses			
on scraper, 3 h	90		

HAMMOND C. METCALF, District No. 10.

H. C. Metcalf, 195 h	\$39 00	U. I. Peters, 10 h	\$ 1 75
“ “ horse and		“ “ 2 horses on	
cart 190 h	23 75	scraper 10 h	3 00
A. L. Metcalf, 160 h	24 00	C. Peters, 10 h	2 00
F. Chappell, 128 h	19 20	Roberts, 10 h	1 50
“ “ horse 4 h	50	“ 2 horses on	
A. H. Brown, 90 h	13 50	scraper 10 h	3 00
J. Sullivan, 13 h	2 60	H. N. Lougee, sharpen-	
F. Draper, 30 h	4 50	ing tools	95
Kruel, 10 h	1 50	W. E. Jones, drain pipe	14 00
C. Bennett, 85 h	12 75	Time book	20
“ “ 2 horses			
and cart 85 h	17 00		
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			\$184 70

SNOW ROADS.

Feb. 9 W. E. Carpenter, 22 h	\$4 40
“ “ “ horse and sled, 12 h	1 50
E. A. Carpenter, 12 h	1 80
Jos. H. Andre, 5 h	75
Onesime Harvey, 12 h	1 80
Fred Lunn, 5 h	75
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	\$11 00

I have examined the foregoing reports of Highway Surveyors and find them to be correct.

F. H. BIRD, *Auditor*.

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OF THE
TOWN OF DOUGLAS
FOR THE
Year Ending March 1, 1907.



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1907.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

WILLIAM MANAHAN.....	Term expires	March 1,	1907.
WM. L. CHURCH... ..	"	"	" 1907.
E. T. RAWSON.....	"	"	" 1907.
E. N. JENCKES	"	"	" 1908.
FRANK E. JONES	"	"	" 1908.
CHARLES BENNETT	"	"	" 1909.
GILBERT ROWLEY.....	"	"	" 1909.
T. H. MEEK	"	"	" 1909.
REV. E. B. BLANCHARD	Resigned	September 1,	1906.

SUPERINTENDING COMMITTEE

REV. E. B. BLANCHARD.....	March, until September,	1906
E. N. JENCKES.....	September 1906, until March 1,	1907
FRANK E. JONES and E. T. RAWSON	One year	

PURCHASING AGENT

REV. E. B. BLANCHARD

TRUANT OFFICER

A. B. SIMMONS

SCHOOL CALENDAR

1906-07

FALL TERM

High school opened September 10, 1906. Elementary schools September 17. Elementary schools closed December 15. High school December 21.

WINTER TERM

All schools opened December 31. Elementary schools close March 15, 1907. High school March 22.

SPRING TERM

All schools open April 1. Elementary schools close June 21. High school June 28. Length of school year, Elementary schools 36 weeks. High school 40 weeks.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

APPROPRIATIONS AND RECEIPTS.

Appropriations for public schools and for transportation of pupils	\$5,500 00	
State school fund	845 62	
State for superintendent.	500 00	
Books and supplies	400 00	
Town school fund	56 48	
Balance unexpended	67 56	
For superintendent	300 00	
For repairs of school houses	200 00	
	<hr/>	\$7,869 66

EXPENDITURES.

Teachers	\$4,368 00	
Janitors ..	595 00	
Superintendent	660 00	
Transportation ..	381 00	
Fuel	586 26	
Books and supplies	420 81	
Repairs and general expenses ..	356 54	
	<hr/>	\$7,367 61
Balance unexpended.		502 05
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		\$7,869 66

EDWARD N. JENCKES,
FRANK E. JONES,
EDWIN T. RAWSON.

Superintendent's Report.

To the School Committee, Douglas, Mass.:

GENTLEMEN:—I herewith submit the following as my annual report for the year ending March 1, 1907.

The history of the past year is one of progress in every respect. The board has been harmonious and helpful, the teachers have grown stronger in their efforts for the children, the support given the superintendent has been the best that has ever been given to him since his advent into office.

It is the opinion of the State Board of Education that our schools now compare favorably with those in other parts of the state.

CHANGES IN THE TEACHING FORCE.

Resignations—Miss Grace Damon, Grade VI; Miss Ethel Cleal, South Douglas; Miss Edith Fogg, Douglas Centre; Miss Mary Pennell, West Douglas.

Elections—Miss Marion MacCullum, South Douglas; Miss Louise Doherty, Douglas Centre; Mrs. Mabel Canfield, West Douglas; Miss Blanche Gordon, Grade I, East Douglas.

Transfers and special changes—The building at East Douglas was reorganized in September with the ninth grade in the high school, the seventh and eighth grades combined into one school under Miss Burghardt. Miss Buffington was transferred

to the sixth grade and Miss Wixtead to the fifth. The fourth grade was divided between fifth under Miss Wixtead and the third under Miss Abbott, making a grade and a half in each room. The reasons for these changes will be discussed further on.

MEDICAL INSPECTION IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Your attention is called to the law recently passed by the Legislature of the state of Massachusetts providing for the medical inspection of all pupils in the public schools. The law is as follows:

SECTION 1. "The school committee of every town and of every city except Boston shall appoint one or more school physicians, shall assign a school physician to every school within its city or town, shall provide him with all necessary blanks and with all proper facilities for the performance of his duties, and shall require him to call at every school to which he is assigned daily or at such other interval as may be prescribed by the committee, and whenever notified by the head of the school; except that in the case of schools in remote and isolated situations the school committee may, after consultation with the state board of education, make such other arrangement as may best carry out the purposes of this act. Each school physician shall make a medical examination and diagnosis of all children referred to him for that purpose, and such further examinations of pupils, teachers, and janitors, and of the school buildings, as in his opinion the protection of the health of the pupils may require, and shall report the result of such examinations to the head of the school."

Besides providing for expert medical care of the children, this law also provides for annual sight and hearing test of the children by the respective teachers. So far as the respective towns and schools systems are concerned the law is mandatory, but so far as the parents of the affected children are concerned the law aims to be only advisory. In accordance with this law a school physician *must* be appointed with prescribed duties, and teachers *must* perform eye and ear test with pupils under his care, and both *must* notify the parent in each case of the defect or disease found; but

beyond this point the state aims that the law shall operate as an advisor, urging the parents to take immediate action for the alleviation of the difficulty.

In the opinion of your superintendent this is one of the most important acts of legislature regarding the schools that has been passed for years, and its influence for the betterment of the children can not be estimated at the present time. No factor in the spread of disease is greater than the schoolroom, with its free text book system, its many children from so many different homes, the tendency on the part of some to ignore absolute cleanliness of person, and to hide the presence of disease, when in its incipient form. The aim of this law is to correct this.

Again many of the children heretofore considered "dull," "stupid" or "slow" have been found to be defective in eye sight or hearing, or afflicted with adenoid or other foreign tissues in the nose and throat. All this naturally would affect the mental power of the children. In the case of eye and ear defectiveness—lack of attention through lack of ability to hear or see. In case of adenoids,—lack of interest through inability to concentrate, or on account of dull catarrhal headaches. These also the law aims to correct. It is the hope of the department therefore, that the parents will not regard lightly the notices sent home, but may act on them as soon as possible, for the sake of the children.

THE INDIVIDUAL TEACHING.

Since September an attempt has been made to adopt the so-called Batavia system of instruction in a more or less modified form. This plan aims for the special instruction of pupils who are backward for whatever cause. It aims to set aside a definite time each day during school hours to instruct individually the backward pupils. It is hoped that by this method the number of non-promoted pupils may be greatly reduced. Certain it is that there have been too many left overs in our schools in the past years.

Teachers should be held responsible for pupils who having attended school faithfully, fail in promotion at the end of the year. It is not enough to say that they are dull or lazy. Schools are

especially for just such "dull" and "lazy" pupils, and it is our duty to especially interest such pupils. It is easy enough to teach a school of alert, bright and interesting children. It is the instruction of the slow, the backward, the "born short" kind that takes the skill to teach, patience to develop, and ingenuity to interest.

MUSIC.

During the past year, since September, a special music teacher has been employed in the East Douglas building with occasional visits to Douglas Centre.

Owing to the geographical location of Douglas it is impossible for a union to be formed for the purpose of either drawing or music for a salary that we are able to pay.

The present teacher, Miss Sweet, is a town girl and up to September has had no experience in teaching. The result of her work, however is such as to warrant a continuation of the policy another year.

CONSOLIDATION OF GRADES.

In view of the fact that the school at East Douglas was crowded last year, and that the committee asked for an additional sum to take care of an overflow, should such arise again, the matter was placed in the hands of your superintendent this year for careful investigation and adjustment. Two plans were considered for making room for an overflow if such should occur. First, to consolidate the ninth grade with the high school and furnish an assistant. Second, to divide a small grade, if such could be found, placing half with the grade above and half with the grade below. During the month of May a careful investigation was made of all the grades with somewhat surprising results. The canvas showed that during the last half of the year particularly in the spring term, over forty-six pupils were drawn from the various grades for different reasons, going to work or leaving town.

The following table shows the exact number up to June 1st that left school :

GRADE.	No. Sept. 1905.	No. June 1906.	Loss.
I	40	40	
II	33	28	5
III	32	26	6
IV	38	33	5
V	43	35	8
VI	41	31	10
VII	28	21	7
VIII } IX }	25	20	5
	<hr/> 280	<hr/> 234	<hr/> 46

Later, in June, ten more left, making a total loss of fifty-six from the grades.

The promotion list, as arranged for September, following, allowing for pupils not promoted and estimating the entering class in Grade I to be twenty-six stood as follows :

GRADE.	NO. IN GRADE.
I	34
II	32
III	29
IV	25
V	30
VI	39
VII	29
VIII	22
IX	10

Your superintendent then made the following recommendation. First, to combine ninth with the high school (see report on high school) and either to run all the grades with the small numbers as they stood or to divide Grade IV, giving one half to Grade III and one half to Grade V, (each of these grades being about the same, twenty-nine and thirty.) This would give Grades III and V forty-two pupils each. Your committee voted the latter plan for the lower grades and also to unite the ninth grade with the high school. (See table " B ".)

TABLE A. Douglas Public Schools.

Statistical Report of Scholastic Year, Ending July 1, 1906.

SCHOOL	GRADE	TEACHER	WHERE EDUCATED	Salary per week	No. weeks in year	Total enrollment	Total membership	Average membership	Average attendance	Per cent. of attendance	Tardinesses	Dismissals	No. not absent	No. not tardy	No. not absent or tardy	Visitors
High	High	John Brackett.....	Bates College	\$22 50	40	20	21	20	19.3	94 +	160	67	2	1	1	120
Grammar ...	VIII-IX	{ Emily Sturtevant. Matilda Burghardt.	{ Westfield Normal. Westfield Normal.	12 00	36	25	25	20.28	18.95	93.5	65	58	1	6	1	40
Intermediate	VII	Grace Damon	Bridgewater Normal	10 00	36	28	28	23.83	22.04	92.5	104	186	1	4	1	43
"	VI	Euna Buffington....	E. Douglas High....	10 00	36	39	41	35 +	31 +	89 +	137	343	2	20	2	37
"	V	Helena Wixtead....	E. Douglas High....	10 00	36	43	43	37	35.2	94	125	50	26	24	1	60
Primary	IV	Edith Abbott	E. Douglas High....	10 00	36	35	38	33.5	31.03	92.3	63	27	0	16	0	27
"	III	Etta Johnson	E. Douglas High....	10 00	36	31	32	28.47	26.76	94.07	54	49	0	11	0	24
"	II	{ Helena Wixtead. Etta Johnson.....	{ E. Douglas High. E. Douglas High.	12 00	36	34	36	28.61	27.23	95. +	10	2	5	26	4	55
"	I	{ Etta Johnson..... Roxanna Johnston.	{ E. Douglas High. Boston Normal ..	10 00	36	51	51	34.8	31.3	90	22	8	23	112	13	14
W. Douglas.	Mixed	{ Mary Pennell.... Maud Barry	{ E. Douglas High. E. Douglas High.	7 50	36	16	16	15.2	13.2	86.8	56	14	0	5	0	38
So. Douglas.	Mixed	Ethel Cleale	Framingham Normal	10 00	36	16	18	15.5	13	82.9	15	13	1	16	1	31
Douglas Cen.	Mixed	Edith Fogg	Boston University..	10 00	36	21	22	20	16.6	82.5	106	12	0	12	0	68
						359	371	312.19	284.61	90.54	917	829	61	253	24	557

TABLE B. Douglas Public Schools.
 Statistical Report from September 1906 to January 1, 1907.

SCHOOL	GRADE	TEACHER	WHERE EDUCATED	Salary	Total enrollment	Average member- ship	Average attend- ance	Per cent. of attendance	Total absences	Tardinesses	Dismissals	Visitors
East Douglas	High	{ J. F. Brackett....	Bates College ... }	\$25 00	19	17 16	16.5	96 +	71	20	19	9
"	IX	Marilda Burghardt.	Westfield Normal..	12 00	13	12	10.8	95 +	23	0	69	9
"	VII-VIII	Luna Buffington...	Douglas High....	10 00	50	48.8	43.7	89.5	314	84	135	4
"	VI	Helena Wixtead...	Douglas "	10 00	40	37	33.8	91 +	236	29	17	5
"	V-IV	Edith Abbott.....	Douglas "	10 50	43	39.43	36.85	94	173	19	10	5
"	IV-III	Etta Johnson.....	Douglas "	10 50	43	40.29	38.61	95.83	215	29	15	7
"	II	Blanche Gordon...	Farmington Normal	10 00	34	29.79	28.02	94 +	109	14	3	17
"	I	Mabel Canfield....	Douglas High.....	10 00	42	37.27	31.39	84.4	351	39	7	6
W. Douglas.	Mixed	Louise Doherty....	Douglas High.....	7 50	15	14.8	13.2	89.1	99	10	0	11
Douglas Cen.	Mixed	M. M. MacCullum.	Tufts College	10 00	20	16.5	14.17	85.5	39.6	14	6	15
So. Douglas.	Fixed		Provincial Normal.	10 00	21	18.3	14.3	78.5	375.5	18	10	12
					840	331.34	281.34	90.2	1,967.3	276	291	100

So far the work that has been done this year under this combination I consider fully up to the work of the past years and in some respects better. The number of pupils in our schools will undoubtedly vary from year to year and a combination of this kind, is bound to occur unless you are willing to run small schools which is not always advisable. It seems unwise when suitable combinations *can* be made under which good work *can* be done, to run three small schools when two will do just as well.

HIGH SCHOOL.

The combination of the ninth grade with the high school was made under two conditions. First, the seventh, eighth and ninth grades would make too large a grammar school for one teacher, over sixty pupils. No suitable combination could be made by combining the seventh with the sixth. The seventh was too small to be run alone, as also was the ninth. Second, I have always felt that it would be a desirable condition if the ninth grade could be placed under a strong man. This was tried three years ago but failed for obvious reasons. This year the opportunity offered itself again to try the combination without materially affecting the quality of work, or for that matter the quantity, over last year. Last year, owing to the full quota of classes in the high school proper, fourteen recitations occurred daily. The upper class having graduated and the combination of the middle classes into one—due to extra work taken by a part—there remained in the high school proper but three grades or groups as against four last year.

The introduction of the ninth grade into the high school room did not, therefore, increase the number of classes over last year, there being but fourteen daily recitations this year. As to the quality of the work, I am certain that the work done there is of high order and never was better. In fact, in some cases the ground covered is more than last year. I consider Mr. Brackett a teacher of rare qualifications, and it was through his energy that the year, both for the high school classes and for the ninth grade, has been so successful. I believe also that the ninth grade has

increased in power and development under a man in the high school more than it would if combined with one of the elementary grades under a women.

Now, while it is possible this year to make this combination, next year the high school will expand again, and if the ninth grade is placed there an assistant will be necessary. I desire, therefore, to recommend that the placing of the ninth grade in the high school be continued and that an assistant be secured. The superintendent's room adjoining the high school room could be used for a recitation room. The experiment was made this year under very favorable circumstances and without additional cost. The experiment is an unqualified success. Let us keep it so, even if we have an assistant. The boys and girls of the ninth grade need the strong personality of a man. Besides this, they accumulate a mental power and grasp in mingling with the high school such as is not possible with the lower grades. Algebra and advanced physiology are now a part of the ninth grade as a result of our work during the past five years. Added to this is the desire of most of the ninth grade to take elementary Latin as an extra study which, of course, strengthens their English. This could not be done if the class were not in the high school room.

FRANCIS S. BRICK,

Superintendent.

REPORT OF HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

Superintendent, F. S. Brick.

DEAR SIR :—I respectfully submit my report as principal of the high school for the past year.

The attendance has been good during the year and much interest shown, but there is a need of more visiting by the parents to encourage and stimulate the pupils to their best work.

I strongly advise the home study. Hard work and interest is a great step toward good discipline.

The addition to the physical laboratory is filling a long felt want.

I think that we should make more account of the birthdays of America's great men who lived and died with the one great purpose of making the world better.

We should celebrate their birthdays as they occur in the school year with essays, sketches and stories of their lives as a means of impressing the fact that they are safe patterns for us to follow.

I take occasion to herein thank you and the school committee for your many courtesies and kindnesses of the year.

Very truly,

JOHN F. BRACKETT.

East Douglas, Mass.,
Feb. 28, 1907.

Report of School Committee.

At the end of the year the Committee submit this report :

The Committee and Superintendent have held monthly meetings as in the preceding year.

Only minor repairs on school buildings have been needed this year. The only expenditure for supplies that was outside the routine expenditures was the sum of \$75.00 for apparatus for the teaching of physics in the high school.

The calendar of the school year was again changed, with the same object as that of the change last year, namely, to give as much liberty as possible to the children when they could enjoy it most outdoors. To this end the schools were opened a week later in September, and the March vacation has been shortened by one week.

The important matter of consolidation of grades in the East Douglas schools is treated fully, with a significant suggestion, in the report of our Superintendent. The Committee need only to recommend that every citizen interested in the schools of the town read attentively his report.

There has been no truant officer in the Center district this year, as Willie Manahan, who was appointed truant officer for the district, refused to accept the office, and no one else could be found for it. Mr. Manahan's chief reason for declining the position was a fear that the parents would not cooperate with him in the discharge of his duties.

The Rev. Edward B. Blanchard was elected to the Superintending Committee again this year, and was again made chairman. He held this position until he left town. His resignation from the School Committee was accepted by the Selectmen at their August meeting. This resignation was a loss to his colleagues, for he had proved himself a clear-thinking, efficient, chairman.

The Committee desire to express in this place their confidence in the Superintendent of Schools. They know that he works painstakingly for the welfare of the schools, that he has high ideals, and that he has the power both of planning and directing. If the schools of Douglas are in a better condition today than for many years, as we have reason to believe they are, the credit for their excellence is mainly due to our present Superintendent.

EDWARD N. JENCKES	} <i>Superintending Committee.</i>
FRANK E. JONES,	
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